

## REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 9-17 should not be identified at "Withdrawn" as they were examined in an Office Action mailed on September 16, 2004.

Thus as required, claims 9-17 have now been provided with appropriate status-identifiers indicating that they are not withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent there from are in proper form. Thus, claims 1-17 should be considered allowable.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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